Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 14 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 15 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 13 Feb 2021 at 15:21 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for very cold and windy conditions on Sunday, but some uncertainty in extent of any freezing rain. High for a transition to milder conditions by Monday. Low for precipitation detail from Tuesday.

Headline for Sunday 14 Feb 2021: Extremely windy and cold. Outbreaks of snow and possibly freezing rain.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 14 Feb 2021

Blizzards Medium Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** High Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Heavy snow	Sleet	Sleet
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	40%	40%	60%	70%	70%	30%

Forecast for Sunday 14 Feb 2021

Weather: Outbreaks of mostly light snow through the morning. The snow will turn heavy for a time in the afternoon but becoming rain or sleet on low to mid slopes, perhaps freezing rain at times. Driest in the north and becoming generally drier in the evening and a little milder with patchy rain. Extremely windy with blizzard conditions.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% in south, 60% in north.

Visibility: Poor or very poor at most levels due to combination of snow, blowing snow and low cloud. Visibility mostly good on low-level routes, especially in the north, but occasional reductions from falling or blowing snow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	54/65 SE	59/72 S	58/71 S	56/69 SE	55/69 SE	62/77 SE	61/77 S	50/65 S	43/56 S
900	47/58 SE	52/64 S	51/64 S	50/63 SE	48/62 SE	55/70 SE	56/73 S	47/62 S	40/53 S
600	31/42 SE	34/46 SE	34/47 S	33/47 SE	32/47 SE	35/51 SE	37/55 S	30/46 S	24/39 S
300	26/38 SE	30/44 SE	30/44 S	30/43 SE	30/44 SE	34/52 SE	32/54 S	30/46 S	25/36 S
Glen	20/42 SE	21/46 SE	21/44 SE	22/46 SE	22/47 SE	25/52 SE	24/52 S	20/42 S	15/34 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-5/-16	-4/-16	-3/-15	-3/-14	-2/-13	-1/-12	0/-10	0/-9	0/-8
900	-4/-15	-3/-14	-3/-13	-2/-12	-1/-11	-1/-11	1/-9	1/-8	1/-7
600	-2/-10	-1/-10	-0/-9	0/-8	1/-7	2/-6	3/-4	4/-3	4/-2
300	0/-2	1/-2	2/-2	2/-1	3/0	4/-0	5/1	5/2	5/2
Glen	3/-3	4/-2	4/-1	5/-1	6/1	7/2	8/4	8/5	8/5
Freezing Level*	300m	400m	600m	700m	900m	1000m	1300m	1200m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Dangerous and serious conditions due to a combination of very strong winds, extreme cold and poor visibility. Mobility will be almost impossible on exposed high ground with gusts of 80-100mph. Sudden gusts coming down lee slopes.

Forecast for Monday 15 Feb 2021

Weather: Mainly cloudy with scattered showers, falling as snow above 1100m. Bright or sunny intervals over ranges north of Torridon. Temperatures relatively mild compared to recent days but still feeling cold with a significant wind chill.

Maximum wind: Southerly 35-40 gusts 60mph in early hours decreasing to 25-30mph gusts 40mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% in south, 70% in north.

Visibility: Areas of cloud cover with bases 500-700m, but some clear breaks over north Highland. Rather hazy below the cloud base.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 or 9C.
At 800m: Plus 3 or 4C.
Freezing level: 1300m.

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